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Applicants: TAMURA et al.  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY  
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 25, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Amended) An external storage device connectable to a host computer, comprising:
- a non-volatile semiconductor memory;
  - a part for connecting to the host computer; and
  - a part for controlling the non-volatile semiconductor memory.
- wherein the non-volatile semiconductor memory is divided into plural areas wherein a first one of said plural areas is read, written or erased by the host